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RFI NBR	Question Response	Vendor	Dated Received	Response Date
1.	After reading the scope of work on the above project you are asking to remove all the pavers, are pavers acceptable for the project? We install load bearing permeable pavers that can actually take the place of retention ponds.	Erickson Construction Inc.	01/03/2013	
Response	The answer to the first question can be found in the Statement of Work (SOW) Pages 8 and 9, Paragraph II E, Specific Project Requirements. Paragraph E2 Main Entrance Paragraph 3. North Employee Entrance. The type of material required by the VA for the North Parking area is listed in the SOW Page 8 paragraph E. Specific Project Requirements (b) contractor shall design/build a permeable concrete permanent parking area.			
2.	We noticed their was 'change' on 1-2-2013 for Solicitation VA248-13-R-0010 but I could not find the Amendment/Attachment on the FBO. Will the document be uploaded at a later time?	The Ale Group, Inc		
Response	The change was associated with FBO electronic method of un-archiving the solicitation. There are no documents to upload not response required of Offerors.		01/03/13	01/03/13
3.	Within the Scope of Work for this solicitation, there is a contractor requirement to hire a Certified Independent Third-Party Professional (CITP) to perform specific contract work. In checking with UL, BCSP, and other certifying companies, a CITP certification is unknown to them. I am particularly in need of contact a company or individual(s) that has acquired that certification in an effort to hire that individual for the cited contract.	Sand Springs Development Corporation	01/02/2013	
Response	The apparent successful Offerors is responsible for contacting and hiring the Certified Independent Third Party.			
4.	For Phase 1, the Past Performance section (pg 24 of the solicitation) indicates that "the past performance questionnaire/survey may be used to obtain information of projects submitted". Please clarify whether Offerors shall send the Project Client Overall Satisfaction Survey to clients for references, or if the VA will contact clients using the Surveys included with Phase 1 proposals.	Blue Cord Design and Construction	01/03/2013	
Response	Offerors responding to the solicitation should send the Project Client Overall Satisfaction Survey to the clients. The client then completes the form and returns the completed form to the Offeror. The Offeror includes the completed form at Tab J of the Offerors Phase I Proposal as referenced at page 22 of the solicitation. A sample survey is found as attachment S02-Attachment 7 to the solicitation. As noted in the solicitation, VA may			

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	contact the client to verify information in the Offerors response.			
5.	In the Phase I Proposal Contents/Format Section, Tab F: it notes the following: "General Contractor's or Mechanical Contractor's License issued by the state of Florida for the Prime Construction Contractor, who will be of record". Is it acceptable that the subcontractor(s) for the project are licensed in the State of Florida and the General Contractor is licensed in another state. We're not use to seeing restrictions on licensing as long as the licenses are current and from one of the 50 states. Can this be clarified?	Design and Build Contracting	01/07/2013	
Response	We established a requirement for this project that the Offeror possess a valid General Contractors License issued by the state of Florida. Florida requires a construction contractor license for design, build projects. Refer to Chapter 489.105 under the Florida Statutes. Also look at Chapter 61G4, Florida Administrative Code. Florida's contractor home page is listed below: www.myfloridalicense.com. Also general Q&A can be found at the link below: http://www.myfloridalicense.com/dbpr/pro/cilb/documents/cilb_faqs.pdf. The requirement for Offerors to submit a GC licensed issued by the state of Florida as specified at Factor 2: Technical Qualifications is in the Governments best interest for this requirement. As such . Factor 2: Technical Qualifications which requires the contractor to submit copy of a current, valid General Contractor's License issued by the state of Florida for prime Construction Contractor will remain. Further basis for this decision is prescribed at FAR 36.507 – Permits and Responsibilities. FAR 52.236-7-, Permits and Responsibilities is incorporated by reference in the solicitation.			
6.	As a Service Disabled Veteran Owned Small Business who has bid on similar work in Florida, please confirm that Page 23, Factor 2, Line 3 of the solicitation (requiring the General Contractor to submit a copy of a valid general contractor's license issued by the state of Florida), is required for this solicitation. If a general contractor's license is required as a part of this solicitation, is this requirement set forth by the Department of Veteran Affairs or the Orlando VAMC? Is there an FAR, CFR, or VAAR requiring the Service Disabled Veteran Owned Small Business to acquire a General Contractors License for a particular state?	Lander Group, LLC	01/07/13	
Response	See response to RFI # 5 above.			
7	We would like to request the structural as built or record drawings for the Solar Support	Design and Build	01/09/2013	

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	System, which is currently installed on the site for the new pervious concrete parking lot, VA-248-13-R-0010. The structural drawings are required for establishing the parking lot layout for our preliminary phase I submission and to coordinate the underground work for the lighting circuits which will be run below the new parking lot.	Contracting		
Response	Drawings for the solar support systems are not required to develop the Phase I proposal. The solar panel project drawings are not currently available.			
8.	We would like to also request the as built or record drawings for all underground utilities, i.e., electrical duct banks, telephone, cctv, cable tv, water, sewer, storm sewer, steam, condensate, chilled water, site lighting, site communications, fire alarm base loop, and any other underground utility that you might have on file for the site.	Design and Build Contracting	01/09/2013	
Response	Drawings necessary to develop Phase I proposal are to be posted on FBO. These pdf drawings are a representation of the existing facility. These drawings are not "as-built" drawings. All information and the accuracy of all drawings shall be verified by the contractor.			
9.	We would also like to request copies of the as-built drawings for the existing electrical closet closest to the new parking lot site.			
Response	Drawings necessary to develop Phase I proposal are to be posted on FBO. These pdf drawings are a representation of the existing facility. These drawings are not "as-built" drawings. All information and the accuracy of all drawings shall be verified by the contractor.			
10.	We would also like to know the current manufacture and point of contact for the existing building control system and how the existing site lighting is controlled by the building control system, i.e., via time clock and/or photocells.	Design and Build Contracting	01/09/2013	
Response	The exterior lighting of the existing facility are on timers using a time clock(s) located in the A, B, and C closets. There are also photocells on the roof. The manufacturer information is not unknown.			
11.	We would also like to have a copy of the existing site lighting plan.	Design and Build Contracting	01/09/2013	
Response	Drawings necessary to develop Phase I proposal are to be posted on FBO with this and future amendments as necessary. These pdf drawings are a representation of the existing facility. These drawings are not "as-built" drawings. All information and the accuracy of all drawings shall be verified by the contractor.			
12.	We would also like to get a copy of the existing Storm Water Management Permit for	Design and Build Contracting	01/09/2013	

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	preliminary discussions with the water district.			
Response	The permit may be obtained from the St. John's River Water Management District (SJRWMD). Permit number is 40-009-24437-2 ..			
13	In the solicitation is states to submit plans to local building departments for review. Which building department or neighborhood association has jurisdiction for the Viera VA clinic that we need to get a permit from?	BlueForge	01/14/2013	
Response	The permit may be obtained from the St. John's River Water Management District (SJRWMD) permit number 40-009-24437-2. The contractor shall validate the requirement for all permits.			
14.	In the solicitation is states to provide permeable concrete parking area. This type of system is usually much more expensive then standard asphalt like the existing parking lots on site. Please advise as to which type of permeable concrete the VA is referring to, i.e. such as concrete pavers or a poured concrete surface?	BlueForge	01/14/2013	
Response	Section E. b. states, "Permeable concrete parking area. This must be a poured in place permeable concrete surface. See RFI response to question 1 above.			
15.	How thick are the existing pavers that need to be replaced at the pedestrian walks.	BlueForge	01/14/2013	
Response	The thickness of the pavers is unknown. The contractor is responsible for determining the depth of the existing pavers during coordinated site visits.			
16.	There is already landscaping in place and it looks like the plant types are low maintenance. Please reaffirm that the VA wants to extend the existing irrigation system to these existing landscaped areas	BlueForge	01/14/2013	
	Yes; As referenced at Statement of Work, Page 8, Section E. 1. d), Specific Project Requirements; The project incorporates a requirement for landscaping and a new sprinklers system.			
17.	There is an existing light pole along the road between the two parking lot driveways with a double light fixture, one head facing the parking lot side. Please reaffirm that the VA wants additional light poles added in to the parking lot. The existing solar voltaic panels will block some of the light from any light fixtures, existing or new.	BlueForge	01/14/2013	
Response	Yes, the VA requires additional light poles for this project at the referenced location. Lights must conform to lighting standards are listed in the Department of Veteran Affairs (DVA) Technical Information Library (TIL) standards.			
18.	Since paving will create defined hardscape spaces, is there any requirement to make any of the parking spaces "handicap accessible"? Note that none of these new spaces will meet the ADA definition of "closest to the building", but ADA defines the number of required accessible spaces to be a calculation dependant on the total number of available parking spaces.	BlueForge	01/14/2013	
Response	The contractor shall evaluate and determine handicap accessible space requirements based on the Department of Veteran Affairs (DVA) Technical Information Library (TIL) standards. Specifically PG-			

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	18-13 Barrier Free Design Guide. See http://www.cfm.va.gov/TIL/ http://www.cfm.va.gov/til/dManual.asp .			
19.	In the solicitation it states to provide permeable concrete parking area. Is the reason for the permeable concrete due to the existing ponds not being able to take on additional volume.	BlueForge	01/14/2013	
Response	No.			
20.	Please provide the as-built civil drawings for the existing site.	BlueForge	01/14/2013	
	Please provide layout drawing for the solar panels that are currently being installed.			
Response	Drawings for the solar support systems are not required to develop the Phase I proposal. The solar panel project drawings are not currently available. Available drawings are posted to FBO.			
21	Tab A of the Phase I Proposal Contents/Format on page 21 requires a Table of Contents to be included. We typically make our Table of Contents the first document you see in the proposal binder. Does the VA also want to see another copy of the Table of Contents included as part of Tab A?	BlueForge	01/14/2013	
Response	No. The proposal shall contain a table of contents in the proposal document.	Contract and Purchase Solutions	01/16/2013	
22.	Tab F of the Phase I Proposal Contents/Format on Page 22 requires offeror to provide "General Contractor's or Mechanical Contractor's License issued by the state of Florida for the Prime Construction Contractor who will be of record." Will licenses for the Prime Contractor from any other state be acceptable?			
Response	The requirement State of Florida License Required. The requirement for Offerors to submit a GC licensed issued by the state of Florida as specified at Factor 2: Technical Qualifications is in the Governments best interest for this requirement. As such. Factor 2: Technical Qualifications which requires the contractor to submit copy of a current, valid General Contractor's License issued by the state of Florida for prime Construction Contractor will remain. Further basis for this decision is prescribed at FAR 36.507 – Permits and Responsibilities. FAR 52.236-7-, Permits and Responsibilities is incorporated by reference in the solicitation.			
23.	Factor 2 - Technical Qualifications, Item 2.c. (Page 23) requires a copy of "a current, valid General Contractor's License issued by the state of Florida for Prime Construction Contractor." This is the same requirement listed for Tab F...is this a duplication and does the VA require the license in both Tab F and Tab H?	Contract and Purchase Solutions	01/16/2013	
Response	Yes. The requirement State of Florida License Required. The requirement for Offerors to submit a GC licensed issued by the state of Florida as specified at Factor 2: Technical Qualifications is in the Governments best interest for this requirement. As such. Factor 2: Technical Qualifications which requires the contractor to submit copy of a current, valid General Contractor's License issued by the state of Florida for prime Construction Contractor will remain. Further basis for this decision is prescribed at FAR 36.507 – Permits and Responsibilities. FAR 52.236-7-, Permits and Responsibilities is incorporated by reference in the solicitation.			

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24.	Factor 3 - Past Performance and Experience (page 23), Item 3.a., references "resumes," but resumes aren't mentioned anywhere else in the proposal requirements. Are resumes required for team members during Phase I ?	Contract and Purchase Solutions	01/16/2013	
Response	Resumes of individual may are not required. Offeror shall address their past performance and experience as specified in the solicitation.			
25..	Please provide the specifications and profile of construction for the existing temporary gravel parking area including, but not limited to: a) the LBR and/or compaction of sub-base. b) the thickness and type of paving base, if any. c) the thickness and type of surface rock/gravel.	Contract and Purchase Solutions	01/16/2013	
Response	Specifications and construction profile for the temporary parking area are not available.			
26	Page 8, E. Specific Project Requirements: b) indicates the pavement for the parking area is to be permeable concrete. We have found no other indications concerning the paving materials. Please verify this is the desired paving material.	Contract and Purchase Solutions	01/16/2013	
Response	Permeable concrete is a desired material as specified in the statement of work and page 8 of the solicitation.			
27.	We are the architect on the above referenced project. We are required to provide a 24x36 conceptual drawing. We need an AutoCAD dwg file for this. Can you send us dwg file of the attached. (Refers to attachment 2. Page 90 of the solicitation)	Coburn Contractors	01/17/2013	
Response	Drawings available to develop the Phase I proposal are posted to FBO as attachments to the amended solicitation.			
28.	The existing laydown area is currently being used as a parking area, will this be closed during construction?	R2L, Inc	01/17/2013	
Response	Yes.			
29.	Can you provide us with any geotechnical information in the North Parking Area?	R2L, Inc	01/17/2013	
Response	Technical Information currently available is posted to FBO in the solicitation and solicitation amendments.			
30.	Can impermeous pavement be used in any part of the parking area?	R2L, Inc	01/17/2013	
Response	Offerors should refer to the SOW E. Specific Project Requirements and the response to RFI number 14 above. Refer to page 8 of the solicitation.			
31	Can you provide us with all available record drawings for this project and existing facilities at the site?	R2L, Inc	01/17/2013	
Response	The drawings that are currently available to develop the Phase I proposal are posted to FBO. Theses drawings provided are an approximate representation of the existing facility and site. The drawings posted to FBO as attachments to the solicitation and solicitation amendments are not "as-built"			

	drawings. As- built drawings are not available. All information must be verified by the contractor.			
32.	For Phase 1 Past Performance, Section L on pg 24 of the solicitation states, "Experience should be described on the Project Information form attached at the end of this section". However, the Project Information form does not appear at the end of the section. Please advise if the VA will be providing this form, or if Offeror's experience should be described in a different format.	Blue Cord Design & Construction	01/17/13	
Response	The Project Information Form referenced at page 24, paragraph L is not included in the solicitation. Experience should be described and included in Tab I of Phase I proposal. Refer to page 22 of the solicitation.			
33.	The Original Solicitation requires a 10' dimension between the new paving and the lowest point of the existing solar array structures. The single slope solar array panel low end is designed to be 9' off the median pad (see below detail from Sun Power). Even with a 6" drop from pad to paving we still will not meet the 10'. How can this be achieved? The bracing angles are only 6' off the pavement	Blue Cord Design & Construction	01/17/13	
Response	Page 8 paragraph E. 1. b of the SOW is revised to read: "Contractor shall design/build a permeable concrete permanent parking area with a minimum clearance of 9 feet from the top of new pavement to the lowest point on the existing photovoltaic support system as shown in the attached sketch.			
34.	What is the reason for the permeable paving? Did The VA determine from St Johns River Water Management District (SJRWMD) that there is not enough storm water retention area on site to accommodate any additional impervious surface perhaps			
Response	Reference SOW page: The VA requires the following which is found on page 8, Paragraph II E which. states, "Permeable concrete parking area. This must be a poured in place permeable concrete			

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	surface.			
35.	Various scope of work descriptions in The Original Solicitation refer to building the new parking lot "on top of the existing lay down area". Is this literally what is desired or would the GC need to remove gravel, excavate and bring substrates back up per required design needs?			
Response	The contractor will be responsible for designing and constructing the project to meet all requirements in the solicitation, page 11 Section VI. Resources. The reference to the existing lay down area is to provide the general location for the new North Parking Lot.			
36.	Will ADA parking spaces be needed in the proposed North Parking Lot, or are there already enough on the entire property to satisfy ADA requirements? If there are not enough on property (after the proposed 99 spaces are added) will additional ADA parking spaces need to be added near the building to meet ADA requirements			
Response	The contractor shall evaluate and determine handicap accessible space requirements based on the Department of Veteran Affairs (DVA) Technical Information Library (TIL) standards. Specifically PG-18-13 Barrier Free Design Guide. See http://www.cfm.va.gov/TIL/ http://www.cfm.va.gov/til/dManual.asp .			